

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 140 by Representative Little

MOTOR VEHICLES: Removes certain restrictions on the use of mini-trucks on state roads and highways

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Enacts R.S. 32:299.2 to authorize a "mini-truck" to operate upon a highway of this state where the posted speed limit is fifty-five miles per hour or less, except interstate or controlled access highways or multi-lane divided highways with partial or no control of access rather than authorizing a mini-truck to operate on all highways, except interstate.
2.	Requires certain safety equipment on a "mini-truck".
3.	Removes requirement for a valid safety inspection certificate.
4.	Removes requirement that a "mini-truck" register as a truck and display a truck license plate.
5.	Requires a "mini-truck" to register as an off-road vehicle and to display a decal issued by the office of motor vehicles.
6.	Changes definition of a "mini-truck".
7.	Authorizes DOTD, parish, or municipal governments to prohibit operation of "mini-trucks" upon any highway under their respective jurisdictions if necessary for safety of the motoring public.
8.	Repeals <u>present law</u> , R.S. 32:297.1 relative to "mini-vehicles".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes the operation of mini-trucks powered by a motor with a displacement of 660 cubic centimeters or more on the streets and highways in this state, excluding the interstate highways.

Present law provides that the mini-vehicles must first meet federal and state safety and emission standards and bear a state inspection sticker.

Present law becomes void if it results in the loss of federal highway funds.

Proposed law authorizes a "mini-truck" to operate upon a highway of this state where the posted speed limit is fifty-five miles per hour or less, except interstate or controlled access highways or multi-lane divided highway with partial or no control of access.

Proposed law requires certain safety equipment on a "mini-truck".

Proposed law requires a "mini-truck" to register as an off-road vehicle and display a decal issued by the office of motor vehicles.

Proposed law prohibits operation of a "mini-truck" upon a highway by an unlicensed driver.

Proposed law requires a "mini-truck" to have liability insurance.

Proposed law defines a "mini-truck".

Proposed law requires DPS&C, office of motor vehicles, to adopt rules in accord with APA, subject to oversight of House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works.

Proposed law authorizes DOTD, parish, or municipal governments to prohibit operation of "mini-trucks" upon any highway under their respective jurisdictions if necessary for safety of the motoring public.

Proposed law repeals present law, R.S. 32:297.1 relative to "mini-trucks".

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 32:299.2; Repeals R.S. 32:297.1)